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Notice of Allowability

Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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1. This communication is responsive to 01/13/2005.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,4-14,16-26 and 28-40.
3. The drawings filed on 25 August 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
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7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material	8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
	9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.

REASON FOR ALLOWANCE

1. Drew discloses an apparatus comprising a wheel configured to rotate, a surface constituted by slot of member, a first member, the first member being coupled to the wheel at a first time when the first member moves in a first direction on the surface; and a second member configured to apply a force to the first member, the surface having an incline relative to a direction of movement of the second member. The first member including a pin. Fales et al discloses an apparatus comprising a drive a drive wheel mounted for rotation to the frame, a device for rotating the drive wheel to operate the power mechanism, a ratchet drive arm coupled to the wheel. Fujiwara et al disclose a an apparatus comprising a wheel configured to rotate, a surface, a pedal member configured to apply a force on a first member located in the surface. Jeffries discloses an apparatus comprising a wheel configured to rotate, a drive shaft for transferring the pedal actuated drive force from the pedal crankshaft to the rear wheel including shifting mechanism to provide different drive ratios, a ratchet coupled to the drive shaft. However, none of the references of record suggests an apparatus comprising a surface and a first ratchet, wherein a first member is configured to apply force to the wheel via the ratchet and a second member is configured to apply a force to the first member, said surface having an incline relative to a direction of movement of the second member in the manner defined in the instant claims 1, 13, 25, 35-39 and in combination with other limitations of the claims. Also, none of the references of record suggests a system comprising a first and a second ratchet, wherein means for applying force to the first longitudinal member to the wheel via the first ratchet at a first time is

provided including means for applying force from the second longitudinal member to the wheel via the second ratchet at a second time in the manner defined in the instant claim 40 and in combination with other limitations of the claim. Therefore, claims 2, 4-11, 14, 16-24, 26, 28-34 depending therefrom, are considered to be allowable.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frantz F. Jules whose telephone number is (703) 308-8780. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday and every other Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph S. Morano can be reached on (703) 308-0230. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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